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Reference Library, Office of Military Government United States

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GENERAL

1. This library provides all general reference material for the various agencies of OMGUS in Berlin. It contains approximately 100,000 volumes of printed matter most of which is in the English language. By regulation it receives one copy each of every newspaper, periodical, and book printed in the United States zone. Also received are a few newspapers and periodicals from the British, French, and Russian zones. Ultimate disposition of this library may be to the Department of State.

2. The library had quite an amount of excess material, including both captured documents and books, which was screened by this party. The captured documents, numbering approximately seven hundred folders, were primarily the records of the Reichs Labor Ministry, the Reichs Office for Statistics, and the German Labor Front. These records were examined and found to be of no intelligence value. Approximately one hundred reference books were selected for shipment to the United States.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is suggested that the Berlin representative of Document Section, ECIC maintain contact with the library as it may occasionally provide good reference material from its excess stocks.

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